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The Honorable John Holden Mayor City of Dyersburg 425 West Court Street P.O. Box 1358 Dyersburg, Tennessee 38025-1358

> Re: Notice of Violation City of Dyersburg National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No.: TN0023477

## Dear Mayor Holden:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the City of Dyersburg (City) that the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 has reviewed the information submitted by the City to the EPA on September 29, 2014, in response to the EPA's information request letter issued pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1318. The EPA has also reviewed the updated Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) data submitted by the City to the EPA.

Based upon review of the information, the EPA has determined that the City has violated the CWA and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No.: TN0023477 as follows:

During the period from September 28, 2009, to August 28, 2014, the City had seven SSOs totaling 1,715,000 gallons of untreated sewage that discharged from the City's Wastewater Collection and Transmission System (WCTS) to navigable waters of the United States as defined by Section 502 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362. Such SSOs were not authorized by the NPDES permit and are therefore violations of Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a). In addition, the City had one SSO totaling 3,000 gallons of untreated sewage that was released from the WCTS and that did not reach navigable waters of the United States. All eight of the SSOs are indicative of the City's violation of Part II. Section 2.1.4 (a) of the City's NPDES permit, which requires the City to properly operate and maintain its facility. Part II. Section 2.3.3 (a) to (e) of the City's NPDES permit also defines and prohibits SSOs from any portion of the collection. transmission and treatment system.

The EPA has decided not to initiate an enforcement action at this time. However, the City's future progress in developing and implementing written Management, Operations and Maintenance (MOM) programs, continued rehabilitation of the WCTS and progress towards eliminating SSOs will determine if future EPA enforcement actions are warranted. The EPA will monitor the City's progress in developing and implementing MOM programs and WCTS rehabilitation over the next two years.

Until compliance with the CWA is achieved, the City is considered to be in violation of the CWA and subject to enforcement action pursuant to Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319. This Section provides for the issuance of administrative penalty and/or compliance orders and the initiation of civil and/or criminal actions.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Violation, please contact Mr. Richard Elliott, of my staff, at (404) 562-8691 or via email at <a href="mailto:elliott.richard@epa.gov">elliott.richard@epa.gov</a>. You may address written correspondence to Mr. Elliott at the above address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

James D. Giattina

Director

Water Protection Division

cc: Ms. Jessica Murphy

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Mr. Michael Goff City of Dyersburg